

REMARKS

Claims 1-99 are pending in this application. Claim 33 has been amended and claim 100 is new. Support for the claim amendments and new claim 100 is found throughout the originally-filed specification and claims, for example, original claims 33-37. These amendments are made without prejudice to presentation of the original claims in a continuing application. No new matter is entered upon entry of these amendments. Claims 1-32 and 60-99 were previously withdrawn subject to a restriction requirement.

I. Allowable Subject Matter

The office action indicates that claims 35-39, 41, 42 and 45-51 are allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. In this regard, claim 35 has been rewritten as independent claim 100. Likewise, claims 36-39, 41, 42 and 45-51 are allowable as being dependent from currently amended independent claim 33. Applicants respectfully urge the Examiner to issue a notice of allowability to these claims at her earliest convenience.

II. Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claims 33, 34, 40, 43, 44, 52 and 53-59 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as allegedly being anticipated by an abstract of Manoharan *et al.*, *Bioorganic & Medicinal Chemistry Letters* (1993), 3(12), pp. 2765-70. A copy of the entire reference is enclosed herewith, along with a corresponding Form 1499 listing it, for the Examiner's convenience in making the publication officially of record. Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection because neither the Manoharan reference nor its abstract teaches or suggests every element of the claimed invention. For example, neither so much as suggests compounds of formula II wherein at least one of R₁, R₂ and R₄ is a group of formula I. Since at least this claim element is not taught or suggested, the rejection for alleged anticipation is improper and should be withdrawn.

III. Conclusions

Applicants request the Examiner to:

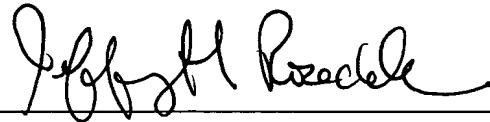
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- (i) enter the amendments to claim 33, and add claim 100;
- (ii) reconsider and withdraw the standing rejections to the claims; and
- (iii) pass claims 34-59 and 100 to allowance.

If the Examiner is of a contrary view, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned attorney at (215) 557-5984.

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